## **REMARKS**

The present application still contains 17 claims.

By the present amendment, the description and abstract of the specification, as well as claims 1, 6, 9, 11 and 16 have been amended in order to correct certain minor typographical errors detected by the Applicant.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the specification and claims as amended contain only subject matter found in the application as originally filed, and that no new matter has been added to the application.

## **CONCLUSION**

It is submitted that claims 1 through 17 are in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 1 through 17 at an early date is solicited.

If the claims of the application are not considered to be in full condition for allowance, for any reason, the Applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in drafting one or more acceptable claims or in making constructive suggestions so that the application can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

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